

EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY(GS-0905-13/14/15)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
DOMESTIC SECURITY SECTION
WASHINGTON, DC

About the Office:

The mission of the Domestic Security Section (DSS) is to enhance the security of our Nation's citizens and borders by enforcing federal criminal laws relating to violent crime, the illegal use of firearms and explosives, alien smuggling, and other immigration-related offenses. DSS attorneys investigate and prosecute criminal organizations including international smuggling organizations that present particular threats to migrants and/or national security. The Section also investigates and prosecutes violent crime cases for which federal jurisdiction exists, including cases involving firearms and explosives, violent gangs, and torture. DSS plays a leading role in creating, supporting and implementing Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Administration's gun violence reduction initiative. The Section is significantly involved in policy initiatives and legislation involving violent crime and criminal immigration. Attorneys in the section may also oversee complex and multi-district cases, and provide legal advice to federal prosecutors in United States Attorneys Offices.

**Responsibilities and
Opportunity Offered:**

The Section is seeking an experienced attorney to support the work of the section, primarily on its Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. PSN is the comprehensive gun violence reduction initiative spearheaded by the United States Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts. The applicant will work closely with the Department's Firearms Enforcement Assistance Team, the national PSN support and management network. Duties will include coordinating activities of several agencies and components in furtherance of the PSN mission, drafting and editing substantial publications on gun violence reduction, supporting the United States Attorneys' Offices in both program implementation and legal issues, and acting as liaison and representative for the PSN program both within and outside of the Department of Justice. In addition to these primary responsibilities, the applicant will handle litigation-related matters that may arise in both the violent crime and immigration areas, and will act as the point of contact for a number of legal issues handled by the section.

Qualifications:

Strong academic credentials, experience analyzing federal criminal policy issues, experience directing and implementing comprehensive national-scale policy initiatives, federal criminal litigation experience, strong advocacy and legal writing skills, sound judgment, excellent interpersonal skills, strong initiative and a demonstrated commitment to public service. Upon accepting an offer of employment, applicants must make a three-year commitment to the Criminal Division.

Required qualifications:

Interested applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of any State, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and have at least three years post J.D. experience. Applicants must be an active member of the bar in good standing.

Preferred qualifications:

Expertise in the immigration and/or violent crime fields similarly preferred. Experience in policy work, foreign language skills and/or international experience may be considered.

Travel:

Domestic and International travel is required.

Salary Information:

Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level,
(GS-13) \$74,782-\$97,213 per annum
(GS-14) \$88,369-\$114,882 per annum
(GS-15) \$103,947-\$135,136 per annum
(See OPM's Web page at www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm)

Location:

Washington, DC

Relocation Expenses:

Relocation expenses are not authorized.

**Submission Process
and Deadline Date:**

To apply for this position, please submit a resume and/or OF-612 Application for Federal Employment, a current SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment), a cover letter (highlighting relevant experience), a writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), a current performance appraisal (if applicable) to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Domestic Security Section
950 Pennsylvania Avenue,N.W. Room 6746
Washington, DC 20350
Attn: Robyn Thiemann

Applications must be postmarked by February 25, 2005.

Internet Sites:

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:

www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html [OR]
<http://10.173.2.12/oarm/attvacancies.html> – for those vacancies posted ONLY on the Intranet.

Department Policies:

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and the persons selected will therefore be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to final approval.

Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced.